

Patrick County Public Service Authority

At a meeting of the Patrick County Public Service Authority, held on Tuesday April 26, 2022 at 6:00 PM in the Second Floor Conference Room of the Patrick County Veterans' Memorial Building with:

Members Present: Scott Eutsler, Vice Chairman; Bobby Mangrum; C. Clayton Kendrick;
Joe Lanham

Members Absent: Darrell Cockerham, Chairman

Also Present: Mark Vernon, Executive Director; Ruth Russell, Secretary/Treasurer

Mr. Vernon presented a revision of the Mandatory Connection Policy for Facilities for discussion and approval. After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Lanham to approve and adopt the revised Policy as presented, motion was seconded by Mr. Kendrick and a vote was called by Mr. Eutsler.

Voting Aye: All

Voting Nay: None

With the motion being approved, the Policy revision was thereby adopted as presented.

Scott Eutsler, Vice-Chairman

5-24-22

Date



Patrick County Public Service Authority Mandatory Connection Policy for Facilities

Authority

This mandatory connection policy is adopted in accordance with Section 15.2-5137 of the Code of Virginia (1950, as amended).

Applicability

This policy applies to the owner, tenant, or occupant of each lot or parcel of land (i) which abuts a street or other public right of way which contains, or is adjacent to an easement containing, a water main or a water system, or a sanitary sewer which is a part of or which is or may be served by such sewer system and (ii) upon which a building has been constructed for residential, commercial or industrial use (collectively “Service Accessible Property”).

Mandatory Connection

All Service Accessible Property are subject to mandatory connection to PSA water or sewer lines. Service Accessible Property owners, tenants, or occupants are responsible for installing and maintaining the connecting line within the boundaries of their property from the PSA connection point.

For Service Accessible Properties existing prior to the completion of the PSA water or sewer line, the PSA will provide notice to the owner, tenant, or occupant that connection is required. Connection fees will be waived for owners, tenants, or occupants of existing Service Accessible Properties making the required connection within the time prescribed by the PSA. Unless an exception applies, owners, tenants, or occupants receiving a notice to connect must connect to the line or lines within 12 months.

Nothing contained in this policy shall prohibit the use of an existing water well for auxiliary uses by an owner, tenant, or occupant of a Service Accessible Property that is connected to a water line pursuant to this policy.

Exceptions

Primary Residences: Owners, tenants, or occupants of primary residences subject to mandatory connection will have two (2) years from the time they receive PSA notice of water or sewer availability to make the required connection. Owners, tenants, or occupants may be granted an additional grace period for primary residences so long as they meet the requirements for real estate tax relief for the elderly and disabled in Patrick County and

provide evidence of a properly functioning well and septic system consistent with Virginia Department of Health guidelines.

Residential Outbuildings: This policy is not applicable to the water line connection of uninhabitable outbuildings associated with a residence, such as barns, detached garages, storage sheds, and barns.

Availability Fee: Owners, tenants, or occupants of existing Service Accessible Property who receive a connection notice from the PSA may elect to defer connection to water and sewer lines by agreeing to pay an availability fee equal to the minimum monthly water and sewer charge set by the PSA. The fee shall be payable monthly after any applicable grace period provided for in this policy. Said owners must furnish the PSA with evidence of a properly functioning well and septic system consistent with Virginia Department of Health guidelines.

Existing Public Water Systems: Owners of any existing public water system may (1) elect to continue to operate the water system during the applicable grace period provided for by this policy or (2) terminate operation of the system at any point before expiration of the applicable grace period, thereby forcing customers to connect to the PSA water line. The continued operation of an existing public water system as allowed by this policy is purely a private matter between the owner thereof and customers.

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